

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Patent Application of

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Title: SEQUENCES OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE AS  
PROPHYLACTIC, THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS

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A fee for consideration and entry of this Amendment should not be required as the applicants responded to the final Office Action of January 11, 2005 within two months of the mailing date (i.e., on February 9, 2005) of the final Office Action and an Advisory Action has not been mailed, it now being after the three month shortened statutory period from the mailing of the final Office Action, such that the shortened statutory period has still not expired. See, page 3 of the Office Action dated January 11, 2005.

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## AMENDMENT

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment 0 minus highest number  
previously paid for 20 (at least 20) = 0 x \$50.00 \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment 0 minus highest number  
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If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add  
\$360.00 (1051)/\$180.00 (2051) \$

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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$130.00 (1814)/\$65.00 (2814) \$

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee \$180.00 (1806) \$

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